







RARE SPECIES REPORT

SPECIES: <u>Swallow Tailed Kite</u>		NUMBER SEEN: <u>1</u>
SIGHTING DATE: <u>8/18/07</u>		SIGHTING TIME: <u>152 EST</u>
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE- <u>Berks / Schuylkill PA</u> DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN- DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE- <u>Hawk Mountain Sanctuary</u> <u>North Lookout</u>	
HABITAT: <u>Flying along forested ridgetop</u>		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING- <u>Full sunlight</u> DISTANCE- <u>< 10 m</u> EQUIPMENT USED- <u>Binoculars</u> LENGTH OF SIGHTING- <u>30 sec - 1 min</u>	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE- SIZE- PLUMAGE- <u>Bird was black and white, white head and belly; black wings and back; black forked tail</u> ANATOMY (BILL LENGTH, LEG COLOR, ETC.)- BEHAVIOR- OTHER FEATURES-	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES:		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? <u>Yes</u>		
HAS ANY ADDITIONAL OBSERVER(S) FILLED OUT A RARE SPECIES REPORT? IF SO, WHO? <u>Greg Cryer</u>		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <u>Bird was viewed by 30+ visitors at Hawk Mountain</u>		
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SIGNATURE: <u>Beth A. Swartzentruber</u>		DATE: <u>8/18/07</u>

Sw. Tailed Kite sighting
HMS NOLO - 1:52 pm EST
Hawk Mountain, PA, Berks-Schuylkill

On 8-18-07 at 1:52 EST I witnessed ~~at~~ a
swallow-tailed kite fly over the north lookout.
There is absolutely no doubt that it was a STK.
It flew down the bridge about 100 ft above
the lookout. It banked several times giving several
good looks at its deeply forked ~~and~~ black
tail, its white head + chest, and its ~~black~~ black
tipped white wings. There were about ~~30-50~~ 30-50
~~other~~ other witnesses, ~~who~~ that can attest to the
sighting.

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note
- greg counted hawks at Montclair, NJ and lived
in Texas. He is a state observer from York

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Swallow Tailed Kite Sighting @ NLO, HMSA,
The bird appeared to the left of East rocks
at about eye level. It appeared to have
a white head, slender pointed wings that
were black across the back. The bird flew
directly toward the lookout and passed
just to the south of the outcropping, it
passed within 10-15M of the observers. ~~It~~
The bird had a white belly and leading
edge of the wing & a black trailing wing
edge and a forked black tail. The bird
was in excellent light the entire time
it was visible.

The
Counter
Notes after
right sighting

Bea A. Swartz

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Swallow-tailed Kite (Elanoides forficatus)

Date of Sighting: 18 August 2007 to 18 August 2007

Location: BERKS

County : Hawk Mt. Sanctuary

Observer(s): Greg Cryer, Beth Swartzentruber, T. Feldman

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: Greg Cryer, Beth Swartzentruber, T. Feldman

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

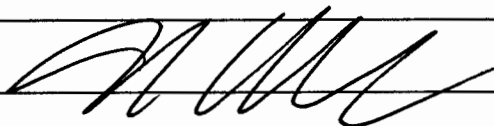
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

12/6/07